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IN THE MATTER OF THE INVESTIGATION OF THE COST OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACCESS.

Docket No. T-00000D-00-0672

REQUEST TO CONTINUE **DECEMBER 16 PROCEDURAL CONFERENCE**

For the reasons set forth below, AT&T requests that the Procedural Conference currently set for December 16, 2011 be vacated and reset for a date convenient for the Administrative Law Judge in early February.

While the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") adopted its USF/ICC Order on October 27, 2011, the final 759-page decision was not released until November 18, 2011. It deals with a wide variety of subjects and, as its length indicates, is an exceptionally complicated decision dealing with a variety of subjects, including a National Broadband Plan, adjustments in high-cost Universal Service Support and Intercarrier Compensation Reform.

As a result, AT&T has not had sufficient time to analyze the USF/ICC Order's impact on, and to formulate its positions in relation to, the subjects which are at issue in this consolidated docket. We anticipate that several other parties to this docket—particularly those like AT&T which operate in multiple jurisdictions—are likely in the same position.

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Also, parties to the FCC proceeding have until later this month to file petitions for reconsideration and motions to clarify the USF/ICC Order with the FCC. Those filings certainly could affect the order, including its impacts on what Arizona and other states must or can do in relation to the subjects covered by it.

By early February, all of the parties to this docket will have a much better idea as to the precise effects of the USF/ICC Order and, for that matter, what changes to the decision may be under consideration. For those reasons, AT&T requests that the December 16 Procedural Conference be rescheduled for a date in early February, 2012.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 9th day of December, 2011.

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